

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**February 21, 2017**

**THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 17, 2017**

**Oroville Dam Flooding:** The Region continues to support FEMA Region 9's response to the potential failure of spillways at the Oroville Dam, Butte County, CA. Emergency Support Function 10 - Oil and Hazardous Materials has been activated with a pre-declaration Mission Assignment. Severe winter storms have raised the level of Lake Oroville to dangerous levels, triggering the evacuation of 188,000 people downstream as a precaution. This evacuation order has been modified to an evacuation warning and people are returning to their homes. EPA Region 9 staff continue to staff the ESF10 desk at FEMA's Regional Response Coordination Center during the day shift (0700-1900 hrs). A federal emergency declaration was declared and FEMA will be standing up a Joint Field Office over the next several days. (Meer x23132)

**River Vessel San Juan:** We responded to the sinking of the vessel San Juan in the Noyo River Harbor, Mendocino County, CA. The USCG and California Fish and Wildlife responded to oil sheening on the water surface; however, the site of the vessel sinking is in EPA's area of responsibility. The USCG Marine Safety Detachment Humboldt (Sector San Francisco) provided personnel and booming equipment to collect oil and sheen. We investigated pollution threats and coordinated with County and State responders on identification and removal of oil and hazardous substances.

**Hopi Tribe Villages Drinking Water:**

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Hecht x74266, and Chan x23551)

**FIFRA Import**

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

. (Watanabe x41807)

**Mobile Phone Sustainability Standard Approved:** The Standard Technical Panel (STP) approved the UL 110 Sustainability Standard for Mobile Phones, whose development we coordinated over the last 5 years. The standard includes criteria covering the entire mobile phone life cycle, including materials selection, energy use, and corporate environmental performance. (Katz x23283)

**Red Hill Meetings:** The Region 9 Red Hill Team travelled to Hawaii February 13-17 to meet with the Navy, Hawaii Dept. of Health, and external stakeholders to discuss progress being made in implementing the Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). We are also scheduled to meet with State and Federal elected officials to brief them on the status of the AOC. (Pallarino x74128)

**WPS Outreach:** On February 17, we will be conducting outreach on the revised Worker Protection Standard at the 4th Annual Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Appreciation Day & Resource Fair in Porterville, California. We will be joined by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. (Estrada x23493)

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**NPDES Permit Issued for the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant:** On February 15, EPA and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board jointly reissued the NPDES permit for the City of LA's Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant, the largest wastewater treatment plant in our region. The permit regulates discharges from the facility's 1-mile and 5-mile outfalls in Santa Monica Bay. It will be effective on April 1, 2017. (Mitschele x23492).

**Exclusion for Air Curtain Incinerators:** We sent response letters to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Air Pollution Officers Association on their request to exclude federal permit requirements for air curtain incinerators used to burn dead or dying trees for fire management. We granted a 30-month exclusion from federal permitting requirements. (Nguyen x74120)

**Anaconda Mine Site:** Angeles Herrera and Harold Ball traveled to Nevada this week to meet with BLM and the Yerington and Walker River Paiute Tribal Chairmen. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Ball x23047)

### **THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

**Guam Governor to Visit Region 9:** On February 21, Guam Governor Eddie Calvo will visit Region 9 and meet with the Acting Regional Administrator. The Governor is expected to highlight progress made by Guam EPA in meeting its grant objectives and to ask for our assistance in addressing concerns related to the potential use of Agent Orange on Guam during the Vietnam War. (Mann x23505)

**GAO Review of Tribal Water and Wastewater Programs:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is reviewing federal coordination of tribal drinking water and wastewater assistance programs. The review was requested by several House subcommittee ranking members, including Jared Huffman. EPA will be one of seven federal agencies included in the review, which focuses on work conducted in six states, including Arizona (Navajo, Hopi and Yavapai-Apache Tribes) and California. (Sockabasin x23772)

**Comment on Treatment as a State for Gila River Indian Community:** **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Johnson x23431)

**Issuing Programmatic Certification of 404 General Permits on Tribal Lands:** **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Rosetti x23070).